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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004 requiring an election, Applicants hereby provide an election. The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following two groups:

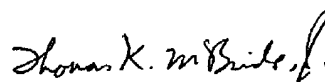
Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to an apparatus for distributing spent catalyst, and

Group II, claims 13-20, drawn to a method of regenerating spent FCC catalyst.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group II containing claims 13-20 drawn to a method of regenerating spent FCC catalyst. The non-elected claims of Group I containing claims 1-12 drawn to an apparatus for distributing spent catalyst are hereby canceled.

Applicants reserve the right to file additional applications directed to the non-elected claims. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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